

# **Grace E. Conway collection on Fr. John M. Villars L386**

---

This finding aid was produced using the Archivists' Toolkit

October 13, 2016

Describing Archives: A Content Standard

Rare Books and Manuscripts  
140 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204  
317-232-3671

## Table of Contents

---

<u>Summary Information</u> .....	3
<u>Biographical Note</u> .....	4
<u>Scope and Contents</u> .....	4
<u>Arrangement</u> .....	4
<u>Administrative Information</u> .....	4
<u>Controlled Access Headings</u> .....	5
<u>Collection Inventory</u> .....	7

## Summary Information

---

<b>Repository</b>	Rare Books and Manuscripts
<b>Title</b>	Grace E. Conway collection on Fr. John M. Villars
<b>Date</b>	1868-1994
<b>Extent</b>	0.3 Cubic feet 1 manuscript box
<b>Language</b>	English

### Preferred Citation

Grace E. Conway collection on Fr. John M. Villars, Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library

## Biographical Note

---

John. M (Baptist) Villars was born in 1818 from Chavanay, Dept. of Loire, France. He came from France to Iowa, where he was ordained in 1848 by Bishop Loras. Soon after, he was positioned at the St. John's Evangelist Church in Iowa. In 1862, he was an assistant before becoming their pastor at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Richmond, Indiana. He passed away in 1868 and his death was initially ruled a suicide, but has since been shrouded in mystery and is the source of Grace Conway's research in the collection.

Source: material from collection.

---

## Scope and Contents

---

This collection includes research drafts, correspondence, newspaper clippings, and photographs from Grace Conway in Indiana ranging from 1868-1994 regarding Fr. John M. Villar's sudden death.

---

## Arrangement

---

This collection is arranged by chronologically.

---

## Administrative Information

---

### Publication Information

Rare Books and Manuscripts

### Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

## **Conditions Governing Use**

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

## **Custodial History**

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation from Grace Conway in 1989.

## **Accruals**

No further additions are expected.

## **Processing Information**

Collection processing completed 2016/10/03 by Kori Nell. EAD finding aid created 2016/10/03 by Kori Nell.

---

## **Controlled Access Headings**

---

### **Genre(s)**

- Correspondence
- Photographs

### **Personal Name(s)**

- Conway, Grace E. -- Archives
- Villars, John M., 1818-1868

### **Subject(s)**

- Priests
- Research

- Suicide

## Collection Inventory

	<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>
Photocopies of records and newspaper clippings, 1868-1873	1	1
Correspondence and research documents, 1977-1978	1	2
Correspondence and research documents, 1979-1981	1	3
Correspondence and research documents, 1982-1983	1	4
Correspondence, photographs, and newspaper clippings, 1985-1994	1	5
Cassette tapes, transcripts, and other research documents, 1979, undated	1	6